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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the proposal for POWDR to take over the special use lease on Holland Lake. The scale and scope of the project which would greatly increase the number of people on the lake, the shore, the roads and the trails is unacceptable.

I grew up going to Holland Lake and it holds a special place in my heart and to my family. One of these reasons is the unique nature of the publicly accessible recreation opportunities within a rustic environment. It is close to wilderness and respected as an access point. While in college I learned about the comprehensive, interagency work to manage wildlife, including endangered species, in the Swan corridor.

As an adult, I fell in love at this lake. My children spend hours in the water and in the surrounding forest. My husband's family has long taken care of a cabin across the lake from the lodge. While the permit types for the forest service leases are different, I do think the requirements for cabin lease holders help describe the agreed upon standards for the lake. We cannot cut trees to provide a lake view. The cabins must be setback and not prominent on the shore. We manage the forest and take care of it. We cannot live there year round or make money off of rentals. These things demonstrate that this is not a resort or managed the same as other lakes in the area. It is meant to be low impact, periodic personal use - not a vacation attraction or permanent retirement or work from home residence. It's meant to keep it wild-ish.

Like many others, I am concerned about increases in conflicts with Endangered Grizzly Bears as well as with the frequent black bear visitors. I am concerned for the bull trout and lynx.

I am not unilaterally opposed to change, but this development- two story hotel, cutting 200 trees, huge cabin expansion, shoreline expansion, history of helicopter and backcountry tourism by the company are dramatic unsustainable changes that will alter the characteristics of the public land we all love so much.

I urge you to deny this current plan and go back to the drawing board. It may not work as it is currently being run, but I've attempted to spend money there and been turned away or found it closed. There is an achievable plan that is not a high end resort. At minimum, you must conduct a full EIS and engage with the interagency and conservation groups doing work in this area.

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